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PIPER PAN.

Next Monday, the London rehearsals for the Leeds Musical Festival take place in St. James' Hall, for three days. From October 4 to 7, practices will be held at Leeds. Novelties for Leeds are fewer than Gloucester. Mr. Coleridge Tait's new tragic cantata, "The Blind God

I was very much surprised the other day when I read what took place at the Clerkenwell Sessions. The orator, I remember, I ever had against pauper aliens was that he was a hard worked under paid man, but he gave him credit for being honest. It seems he is not even that. A memorial was presented to the judge to the effect:—"The jurors wish to express their surprise at the large proportion of cases in which foreigners are convicted, and they think that in the future the time is not far distant when Parliament will put some check on the influx of aliens of this class into this country."

The judge said in reply that "he thoroughly agreed with them that some measures should be taken to prevent the introduction of such large numbers of foreign nationality increasing the criminal population of this country," and if a measure like this is not one of the very first to be introduced by the Government, the country is bound to be very much disappointed. The country is ready for it, and has been for a long time. It would, in fact, be one of the most popular and beneficial acts

man manner described in the foregoing paragraph. Their prey consists of other insects, but their tastes vary considerably, some of the species preferring grubs, others crickets and weevils, while others have a predilection for spiders. These they capture by stinging them, and when in possession of a condition carrying the way to the store in their burrow which they collect for the benefit of their larvæ when they emerge from the eggs. When making the burrow these insects are continuously humming.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending Sept. 24 include a Nilgiri tiger, a large Amur leopard, a large spotted hornbill, four spring-tailed marmosets, nine gigantic salamanders, a hedgehog, five common vipers, an Indian elephant, an Altai deer (born in the Gardens), an Indian roller, three four-lined snakes, a viperine snake, a green monkey, a fulvous-colored pig woodrat, a pair of babblers, an Indian cuckoo, a pied crested cuckoo, a crimson-breasted barbet, a pied ground thrush, a rufous-necked wallaby (born

A competition confined to members of the Anglers' Association will be fished in the canal at King's Langley to-day (Sunday), where they return by train. The train leaves Euston at 10 a.m., and a large gathering is anticipated. The prizes are numerous, and the first is a silver cup, given by the trustees.

The Great Northern Brothers had a fine display at their last meeting, many of the prize fish from Amberley gracing the trays. A bag of roach

THE ACTOR.

As to the novelties which will be shown at the exhibitions, they will not, I fancy, be found to be very striking as the alterations in cycle construction are not nowadays very numerous. Most makers will exhibit some form of motor bicycle. There will be a certain number of new free wheels and brakes, but the feather-weight cycles will be fairly numerous, and these, I think, will be the new thing which will be confined to the accessory department, and I do not think that there will be many alterations to the present type of tyres.

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Millinery still continues flat and rather wide. Some new toques are composed entirely of fur with occasionally an inconspicuous addition of lace, others of rough fabric cloth. Quills to match, and pretty buckles are very smart for every-day wear. A stylish black velvet hat had a long black feather laid on the brim, resting on the hair at the back, underneath on the left side were two strands of the velvet, in each of which were three paste buckles. It was a simple but an elegant chapeau.

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YESTERDAY'S RACING.
MANCHESTER SEPTEMBER
MEETING.

THE PALATINE HANDICAP of 300 sovs.
Five furlongs.
Mr. B. Wade's *Loch Doona*, 5yrs, 7st 5lb 1
Mr. H. King's *Mill Novia*, 5yrs, 7st 12lb 1
Mr. G. O. Todd's *Milecote*, 4yrs, 8st 5lb 3
O. McCall 9
Winner trained by J. Coultwater.

Also ran: Star of Hanover (Jenkins),
Erment (Wilkins), Tin Soldier (Childs), Bread
Maid (Sawyer), and Rockingham (Hedderley).
Venusiana (Broom), St. Louisa (H. Aylin).
Betting: 2 to 1 agst *Mill Novia*, 7 to 2 agst
Loch Doona, 6 to 1 agst *Milecote*, 5 to 1 agst
Star of Hanover, and 100 to 1 agst any other.
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and 3rd.

THE SATURDAY SELLING HANDICAP of
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Mr. Hentington's *Windbound*, 5yrs 1
Mr. C. Mibbert's *Foxley Alley*, 5yrs, 8st 5lb 1
O. Madden 9
Winner trained privately.

Also ran: Forced March (Yarnell), Oerbury
(Parker), The Duke of Devonshire (H. Aylin),
Shower (Watkinson), Force (Rieckbar), Salix
(O. McCall), Rose of England (Parsons),
Marie St. (J. Reff), Dorothy Lee (Aylin).
Betting: 10 to 1 agst *Vanastila*, 5 to 1 agst
Windbound, 5 to 1 agst *Milecote*, and 10 to 1 agst
any other. Won easily by 1½ lengths; 2nd
and 3rd.

THE LINTON NURSERY HANDICAP
of 1½ sovs. Five furlongs.
Mr. W. Chatterton's *Vogelhop*, 7st 10lb 1
Mr. W. O. Stevens's *Underdare*, 8st 10lb 1
Ed 12th 1
Sir B. Vincent's *Deseculate*, 7st 10lb 1
J. Reff 3
Winner trained by Gurney.

Also ran: Pink May (Yarnell), One and All
(Wilkins), Pals Ally (Leach), Redbank
(Childs), Claire cot (O. Madden), Redshank
(Parker), and The Duke of Devonshire (H. Aylin).
Betting: 5 to 1 agst *Underdare*, 5 to 1 agst
Redshank, 6 to 1 agst *Deseculate*,
and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won by
a length; 2nd and 3rd.

THE PRICE OF LIGHT HANDICAP of
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Mr. E. Corrigan's *Fancy Man*, 3yrs, 6st 10lb 1
Mr. H. I. Higham's *Royal George*, 3yrs, 6st 12lb 1
Mr. W. O. Whitney's *Kilmarnock II.*, 4yrs, 6st 12lb 1
Ed 12th 1
Winner trained by Mr. E. Corrigan.

Also ran: Joe Chamberlain (D. Mahony),
Bardonia (O. Thorpe), Flying Hackle (O. Thorpe),
Fanny (F. Vining), St. Nydia (S. Loates), Hearwood
(W. Lane), St. Amorac (J. Childs), Light
Comedy (F. Hardy), Storm Signal (J. Reff),
Fanny (F. Vining), and St. Nydia (S. Loates).
Betting: 2 to 1 agst *Kilmarnock II.*, 5 to 1 agst
Light Comedy, 7 to 1 agst *Hearwood*, 10 to 1 agst
St. Amorac, 10 to 1 agst agst *Flying Hackle*, St. Nydia,
and Fanny; 100 to 1 agst agst *Storm Signal*,
Opposition, and *Royal George*, 100 to 1 agst
Fancy Man, and 20 to 1 agst any other. Won
easily by a head; 3 lengths; 2nd and 3rd;
a further off *Light Comedy* was placed
fourth.

THE GERARD NURSERY HANDICAP of 150
sovs. Six furlongs.
Mr. F. Fyfe's *Princess*, 3yrs, 8st 5lb 1
Mr. T. J. Jern's *Alma*, 6st 7lb 1
Mr. J. Wallay's *Flower of Spring*, 6st 6lb 1
Gibson 9
Winner trained by Watts.

Also ran: Fascinate (Hippall), Sing Co

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two telling lines:—
"Marching backwards and forwards, and
backwards and forwards again."
What a triumph were the breeches of sinners
Mister Steps!
The Serene Seer, in a further titillat-
ing chat with me, gave me a few of his
adventures with the police. "I've
been imprisoned at the Vine-street as
Vincent, at the Borough-street as
black boot, for refusing to give
things for a lie. In Finsbury Work-
house insane ward for wearing the
uniforms of my three universities
Oxford, Cape of Good Hope, and
Vomzeekookoo, and prematurely let
out from Scotland Yard before the visit of
the Lunacy Commissioners. Thus it is
proper to treat up in his own country."
Then he gave up being a prophet,
I advised.
"Rash young man, prophets are
born, not made. The cloak of prophe-
tastic has fallen on my shoulders.
I shall continue to wear it," and
fobbing a hat-pin through his ornate
jennibean headgear, he waved his hands
in the air, bore down on an astonished
stout gentleman who was just emerging
from a club.
Sancho grew thoughtful after my
giving him the above facts, then he
look of hope illumined his intelligent
features. "He did not tell you where
he was born; that's curious. He gave
you a fictitious name; that's still more
strange. Do you think Chris—"
I cut him off hastily, but was possible
that he is the long lost Jackson?"
smothered with indignation. Fancy
smacking the back of the green-clad
serene seer, and asking him such an
absurd question.
CHRIS.
HUNG ON TO HIS COAT TAILS.
Wm. Newton, a Hackney draper
was charged at N. London with being
concerned in stealing a large quantity
of bonetry and drapery goods when
at the Green City warehouses and
retail customers. The police brought
a large packing-case of goods into
court, which they had taken from a
stable loft at Hackney, alleged to be
rented by Newton.—From among
these goods a witness identified some
bow ties, which had been sent to, but
not returned by Newton. Manchester.
The name of the maker, however, had
been cut out, and a piece of line
stitched over the hole in each case.
One of these ties was also found in
Newton's shop.
TO FINISH HIS HAY.
—Mr. Young (for the defence). He is
vying you into the room where you
found the tie?—Detective. No, sir,
didn't. He said he wanted to fetch
his hat, and darted off, but I hung on
to his coat-tails, fearing that he might
get out by the back.—Mr. Fordham.
He did not invite you to take him his
coat-tails? No, sir.—Mr. Young
said that the tie had been brought
been connected with his client, but
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TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

Sunday Morning.
It is very much to be hoped that the Redistribution Bill, which it is understood will be drafted some time between now and the beginning of next year, will be introduced into the House of Commons as soon as Parliament meets. It will not be an easy measure to carry, since the Irish will, of course, employ against it all the known arts of obstruction. I all the more, I dare say, invent a few fresh ones for the occasion. Therefore unless a grave risk is to be run, it is necessary that it should be brought forward at the very earliest opportunity.

Common justice requires that there should be no failure to carry this measure. All voters are supposed to have in their votes an equal constitutional power, whereas, as a matter of fact, they have at present nothing of the kind. A vote in the wilds of Ireland is worth four or five times a vote in the great English centres of population, and yet one would hardly say that the peasant of Kerry or Galway was much the intellectual superior of the merchant of London or Liverpool that he ought to have this advantage. Irish representation must be cut down to the proper limits, not because the Nationalist members are a nuisance in Parliament, but because it is only justice to England, Scotland, and Wales.

Many reasons are, I see, being suggested to account for the fact that the discharged Imperial Yeomen are not showing so much willingness to accept the invitation to re-enlist as it was expected they would. To my mind, the explanation is simple enough. It is the procrastination of the Treasury in giving them their pay. They feel that the great crisis having passed, the honour of the country does not require them to dismiss every other consideration, and they are offended—and most justly offended—at the delay in getting their pay.

Somewhat, the Treasury, of all our public departments, seems to be the most utterly destitute of tact. It is right, of course, that it should be careful in paying out public money, but it really needs to regard everybody with a claim upon it as an unscrupulous enemy. Private employers contrive to pay their men regularly, no matter how many they have or what work they may be upon. Why can't the Treasury do the same? I will venture to say that the officials in the department take precious good care that their own salaries are paid when they are due, and they might show a little anxiety not to keep waiting for months the men who have been serving the Empire in the field.

It is very satisfactory to see that Lord Kitchener's proclamation is being enforced, and that those Boer leaders who have been captured have been sentenced to exile from South Africa. It is no good making threats unless you mean to carry them out, and however hardly the terms of the proclamation may bear upon individuals, we must see to it that no weak sentimentalism may induce us to reverse the sentence at a future day. We shall never be believed in again if we do not.

I find it a little difficult to swallow the story that Mr. Kruger and the other Boer leaders are making preparations for a flight attempt to convert the English public in a very lately true enough. I believe they have still plenty of money, and the behaviour of our pro-Boers has made an indelible impression upon Mr. Kruger's mind. Nothing will make him understand that the English nation does not instantly suppress them merely because of a profound conviction of their utter unpopularity, and he will continue to believe that he has a chance of converting us as long as we permit them to talk to us. It is only another proof of the fact that if there had been no pro-Boers in the country, or if they had held their foolish tongues, the war would have been over a year ago.

From the speech of Imperial Perks to his Lincolnshire constituents I gather that the Radical Imperialists are still resolved to persevere in the policy of trying to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. His denunciations are vigorous enough, but if they are to have any force, his leaders must definitely resolve to have no more common action with them in politics at all. It is of no use simply repeating, on the one hand, their accusations against the Government, and, on the other, the Government's accusations against them.

The East Lancashire election result is a nasty blow for the Opposition. I know, of course, that neither Sir William Rattigan nor any other Conservative candidate could have won the seat for the Unionists if there had not been a split in the enemies' camp. But the point is that the enemies' split, the utter helplessness of the Opposition, torn as it is between the conflicting questions of pro-Boerism on the one side and an elementary perception of patriotic decency on the other, would be pathetic if it were not ludicrous. Well, let our enemies laugh among themselves as much as they please, and the longer the better for the country.

It is with profound regret that I have learned that the Grimsby labour party is no nearer a settlement than before. The ballot of the men taken on Friday was practically unanimous against accepting the masters' terms without arbitration, and, as the masters will not hear of arbitration, there is no immediate prospect of a solution of the difficulty. This is, in that respect, a very regrettable, and it would seem that there is now nothing for it but for the conflict to go on until the men gradually assume that they can get a lame and impotent conclusion.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

CLOUD BURST IN TEXAS.
New York, Sept. 28.—A despatch published here this morning from Providence, Texas, states that a terrible cloud burst devastated the district yesterday. Its full effects were experienced in a ravine, where a number of mining prospectors had encamped. This gully became filled with water, and 15 of the prospectors were drowned. The bodies of seven of the victims have been recovered.—Central News.

FRENCH NEWSPAPER ATTACK ON THE KING.
A FILTHY SHEET SUPPRESSED.
Brussels, Sept. 28.—There has been a wild rush here to secure copies of the Paris "Assiette au Bourgeois," containing filthy pictures directed against King Edward and the British Army in South Africa. The sheet usually has a limited sale here at 6d. a copy. To-day it is being sold in the streets at 3s. a copy. The outrage against common decency in this particular issue is so gross that it is fully expected that the authorities will interfere and confiscate the entire stock not yet sold.—Central News.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—By order of the Government, the "Assiette au Bourgeois" was seized by the police in all the newspaper kiosks to-day. This particular issue contains foul and bestial pictures and letterpress directed against King Edward and Lord Kitchener. A picture on the first page is dubbed "The Silence." It depicts one of the refugee camps in South Africa with a statue of "Death" set in its midst, together with a plough and an uncultivated farm.—Central News.

ILLNESS OF THE POPE.
Rome, Sept. 28.—The Pope last night had a renewed attack of the internal malady from which he is suffering. The frequency with which these attacks have occurred in the last few weeks, and the extreme prostration they cause his Holiness have given rise to the greatest alarm, in spite of the assurances of his medical advisers that no further complications exist.—Dailies.

CAMPANIA'S STORMY VOYAGE.
New York, Sept. 28.—The Campania, liner of the Cunard line, which arrived here from Liverpool this morning, reports having had a stormy voyage. On the 24th inst., a heavy sea swept over her starboard bow, killing the boat-servant's mate, named Davis.—Reuter.

PRES. MCKINLEY'S WILL.
Canton (Ohio), Sept. 28.—Mr. McKinley's will has been granted probate. He bequeaths his estate to his widow, with the exception of an annuity of 1,000 dollars left to his sister, Helen McKinley. The late President's estate is valued at between 225,000 and 250,000 dollars, including his income to the amount of 67,000 dollars.—Reuter.

BAND CONTEST.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION AT THE PALACE.
It is a somewhat remarkable fact that band contests, which excite the greatest possible interest in the North of England, are practically unknown in London. The late Sir A. Sullivan, always ready to encourage musical talent, was two years ago so impressed with the performance given by some of the bands at the A.M.B. concert at the Albert Hall that he induced the directors of the Crystal Palace to offer a 1,000 guinea challenge trophy for competition. The contest for this coveted prize took place at the Palace yesterday, in the presence of many thousands of spectators from all parts of the country. This event has been looked forward to by bandmen throughout the United Kingdom with considerable interest, for, in addition to the trophy, the winning band also obtained the championship of Great Britain and the Colonies—the blue ribbon of the band world—besides nearly £100 in cash, gold medals, and other important prizes.

A LARGE ENTRY.
Most of the leading amateur bands entered their names for competition. These came mostly from the North of England, and it is a striking circumstance that the bands are composed for the most part of working men, nearly all branches of industrial enterprise being represented. The Denton Band won the trophy last year, with the result that since then they have secured engagements which represent a total amount equal to that of the trophy. Twenty-seven bands competed, the only one representing the South being Luton. Various railway companies ran special trains, with the result that the Palace was crowded from an early hour. The contest, which took place in the concert room, began shortly before noon, and it was not until nine in the evening that the last band had played. All the bands had to play the same selections—namely, "Gems from Sullivan's Opera (No. 3)." As each band proceeded to the platform they were loudly cheered by their supporters, and it was a remarkable sight to see how closely the audience, who had provided themselves with the programmes of the opera, followed the various bands. The competition resulted quite unexpectedly, the present holders being relegated to the third place.

THE RESULT.
The decisions were announced as follows:—The first prize (the challenge trophy, with a beautifully illuminated card for framing, and a cash award of £40, solid gold medals to the conductor, bandmaster, and secretary, and other smaller prizes, making the total value £1,100) was won by Lee Mount Band, Halifax. The second prize (£30 and a silver-plated cornet, value of 12 guineas) was gained by the Irwell Springs Band; the third (£25 and a silver-plated trombone, value 12 guineas), by Denton Original; the fourth (£20 and a 12-guinea cornet) by Kettering Rifles; the fifth (£15 and a silver-plated cornet, value 12 guineas) by Kettering Town Silver Band; the sixth (£16 and a set of band capes value 6 guineas) by Lindley Band; the seventh (£15 and a volume of music, value £6) by Rochdale Public Band; the eighth (£12 and a special prize, the value of which was not stated) by Kingston Mills Band; the ninth (£11) by Luton Brass Band; the tenth (£10) by Wingate Temperance Band. The whole of the bandmen numbering nearly 1,000 then proceeded to the huge orchestra in the centre transept, where they gave a fine selection of music.

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.
Jno. Moran, 17, was sent to goal at Coventry for two months for a violent assault on P.C. Carpenter. At Doncaster Robert Beckett, J.P., was fined £10 for driving a motor car at excessive speed. Mr. Wm. Standen, 52, of the Royal Oak Inn, Blackburn, was killed by a fall downstairs. Joseph Kenny was remanded, at Leigh, Lancashire, on a charge of attempted wife murder.

The Scotch herring fleet anchored in Scarborough harbour yesterday. Three thousand men will spend to-day there. Chas. Johnson was, at Harrow, sent to goal for two months for stealing books and stationery from Owen McManis.

At Lancaster Castle Wm. Lawrence was fined £10 and costs for furiously driving a motor car between Dock Acre and Carnforth.

At Brighton, Geo. Herbert Rose, 27, late Poor Rate collector, was remanded on a charge of stealing £272 from the Guardians of the Poor of Brighton.

William Hancock, 30, who stole an overcoat and watch and chain from a fellow lodger, a working man, was, at Bristol, sent to goal for two months.

The death was announced at Bristol of Sir Greville Smyth, one of the wealthiest landowners in the neighbourhood. His death occurred in Scotland at the age of 63.

A man at the "Bisley Rifle Saloon," Dover, was handling a rifle, when it went off. The bullet passed through the neck of an attendant named Marsh, who lies at the hospital in a precarious condition.

FOREIGN.

Arabi Pasha landed at Suez yesterday. Reuter.

A telegram from Paris states that Ibsen is at present so ill that it is reported that his life is despaired of. A decree has been issued admitting the existence of Asiatic plague at Rio de Janeiro.—Reuter.

The remains of Prince Henry of Orleans were interred at the Royal Chapel at Dreux yesterday.—Reuter.

Vic-Amiral de Courville has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French Northern Squadron.—Reuter.

According to information which has reached the Moorish Government, the Spanish captives are still alive.—Reuter.

A terrible fire has broken out at the town of Courmayeur, France. The whole town is menaced by the flames.—Central News.

The Anarchist Shah, who made an attempt on the Shah's life last year in Paris, died at the French convict establishment at Cayenne in July.—Reuter.

At a meeting of delegates from various mining unions held at Liege yesterday a general strike of all miners in the Liege basin was unanimously resolved upon.—Reuter.

A powder magazine at a gunsmith's in the Pietra Mala quarter at Cosenza, Italy, blew up yesterday. Fifty persons were injured, including the gunsmith and his wife.—Reuter.

The German Government denies the statement that the Kaiser had declared at Dantzig the political situation was not so promising for peace as he wished is a pure invention.—Central News.

The N.S.W. Premier states that the Women's Franchise Bill will be introduced at the beginning of next session, and that he is determined to see the passing of the measure before the expiration of the present Parliament.—Reuter.

LIGHT FOR BATTERSEA.
A CURIOUS "MISFAKE AT SUNSET." The ceremony of opening the central electric generating station for Battersea was performed yesterday by Mr. A. M. Torrance, chairman of the L.C.C. The work connected with the installations of electric light has been performed by the Council's own workmen at a total cost of £152,000. The system is that known as the constant current three wire, with a constant pressure of 460 volts across the outer conductors of the mains. The service to consumers, except in special cases, are connected between either of the outer conductors and the middle conductors of the mains, so that the lamps are worked at a pressure of 230 volts.

THE GRIMSBY DISPUTE.
With practical unanimity, the Grimsby fishermen have rejected the owners' terms, and it is suggested that the vessels should be allowed to go to sea pending the result of arbitration. The men claim to have been unfairly treated. Some members of the Grimsby Federation and several of the men's leaders met Lord Yarborough and Lord Hennessy at the request of the latter, shortly before noon yesterday, and a long conference on the present dispute took place.

SMALL-POX IN LONDON.
LATEST.
The official return issued last night showed that there were seven fresh cases yesterday, 171 are still under treatment. The scarlet fever returns issued last night stated that there were 79 fresh cases yesterday. The diphtheria return was to the effect that there were 38 fresh cases.

THE GERMAN EMPRESS ILL.
Berlin, Sept. 28.—The state of health of the Empress has recently been unsatisfactory. Her Majesty was obliged to keep her bed for two days at Reminten, and on her return yesterday to Potsdam called into consultation Prof. Osthaus.

KING IN SCOTLAND.

The King and Queen reached Perth soon after 7 a.m. yesterday. The public were excluded from the platform. A stay of 14 minutes was made at the station, during which tea and coffee were served to the Royal party, none of whom, however, left the train. The blinds of the carriages in which their Majesties and their suite travelled were drawn down during the whole time of the stay. The King occupied a saloon in the centre of the train.

THE JOURNEY RESUMED.
The journey to Aberdeen was resumed at 20 minutes past noon. There was no demonstration on the part of the public at the railway station. The Royal train arrived at Aberdeen at 9.15. The King proceeded to the Palace Hotel for breakfast, but the Queen and other members of the Royal party were supplied with breakfast at the hotel, which left at 10 o'clock for Balmoral.

ARRIVAL AT BALMORAL.

Balmoral was reached at midday. At the main entrance to Balmoral Castle the King and Queen were met by a deputation of the Balmoral Highlanders, in Royal tartan, with the Scottish thistle conspicuous in their bonnets, and carrying their halberds. They were under the command of Mr. J. Forbes, His Majesty's Commissioner. The Royal carriage halted before the castle, the entrance to which Mr. Forbes stepped forward by the King's command, and

ADDRESSED THEIR MAJESTIES as follows:—"May it please your Majesties, On behalf of the tenants, servants, and others on the estate of Balmoral, Aberdeenshire, and Birkhall, I beg humbly and respectfully to extend to your Majesties, with your Majesty and the Royal Family at the very end and bereavement recently suffered by your Royal House, and which have been shared by us all. We at the same time desire to offer your Majesty a most loyal and cordial welcome on this the occasion of your first visit as King and Queen to your Highland home. We are proud to select long spare you both in health and strength, and our earnest hope is that for many years to come we may have the good fortune to be frequently favoured by your gracious presence among us."

THE KING'S THANKS.

The King, in reply to the address from Mr. Forbes, said:—"I thank you very much for the kind words of welcome to the Queen and myself. I thank you for your presence here to-day. I know that you feel with us in the national bereavement that have befallen us. We are glad to be back again in the Highland home we have always loved, and which is so dearly associated with the memory of our late beloved Queen. I can assure you of the same feeling, that amity and kindness which she brought to this country will be manifested by us to all." Piper Campbell played "Highland Laddie" on the way to the Castle, where the health of the King was pledged. His Majesty called for a cup, and drank to the health of the tenants.

A SECOND SPEECH.

In his speech His Majesty said:—"I thank you for your kind sentiments, and I drink to all your health. The Queen was looking exceedingly well, and the King spoke in clear tones. The Balmoral tenantry are erecting, with the approval of his Majesty, a granite obelisk in memory of Queen Victoria."

THE HOPPERS' RETURN.
The hopping season is now over, and up to midnight 15,000 Londoners—men, women, and children—alighted at the new station of George-street. Blackfriars, which has this year been the first time for the purpose of the hoppers' traffic. From half-past three yesterday afternoon the special trains commenced to arrive at this depot, and the scenes in the neighbourhood were most remarkable. Hitherto the hoppers have disembarked at London Bridge, but this year the scenes which usually occurred there were enacted in Blackfriars. The licensed houses in the district had their doors open for the occasion, and at several, in addition to the usual fare, extra attractions had been provided in the shape of a "Dutch Giant," a "Dwarf of Notre Dame," and a "Fat Lady." Children garlanded with sprays of hops, with men and women carrying portable bundles containing pots, pans, bedding, and blankets, filed into the open doors, and with the accompaniment of the ordinary street music, managed to make matters for a time extremely lively.

LADY FRANCIS CECIL.
EXTRAORDINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
The following extraordinary announcement appeared in the Belfast papers yesterday under the heading of "Public Notices":—"To ministers of all denominations, registrars of marriages, and all other persons, notice is hereby given that the Lady Francis Cecil, of Stockton Hall, Oakham, England, do hereby give you notice not to publish any banns of marriage or issue any license for, or otherwise perform, the ceremony of marriage, between my son, Richard Francis Cecil, and my daughter, Miss Bann, a daughter of Mr. John Bain of 74, Royal Avenue, and Ardara, Greenland, Belfast, insurance broker and agent, editor and publisher of the "Insurance and Financial Gazette," my said son being an infant of the age of 19 years. Dated this 27th day of September, 1901.—Edith F. Cecil. Signed in the presence of Mrs. S. Wilson, solicitor, Manchester; Wellington, Young, and Son, solicitors, Chichester, and Belfast."

Lady Francis Cecil is the daughter of Sir William Cunliffe Brooks, first and last baronet, and married first in 1874 Lord Francis Horace Pierrepont, secondly Lord Cecil, who died in 1889, and in 1892 her fifthly married Capt. P. F. Tillard, R.N., of Stockton Hall, Oakham. The young gentleman referred to in the notice is the second son of the late Lord Francis Cecil. He was born in 1882, and is Lieut. of the 4th Bn. Lincolnshire Regt. Lord Francis Cecil was the son of the third Marquis of Exeter.

A HARTLEPOOL TRAGEDY.
Last night an old man of 70 named Hardy, of Nelson-st., West Hartlepool, cut his wife's throat with a carving knife. He then dashed out of the house to the seashore, jumped into the water, and was rescued in a very unconscious condition. The woman died almost instantly.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between the Earl of Cromer and Lady Katherine Tynley, sister of the present Marquis of Salisbury.

NEW LORD MAYOR.

SIR J. DIMSDALE ELECTED WITH ENTHUSIASM.
Yesterday the double ceremony of swearing in the Sheriff-Elect and electing the Lord Mayor for the ensuing year took place at the Guildhall with the usual ceremonies. Before noon Ald. Bell and Councillor Marshall, in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, duly took their place on the hustings, and the Town Clerk having administered the declaration of office, the retiring Sheriffs took off their shirval chains, and placed them around the necks of their successors.

THE ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR.
The proceedings incidental to the election of the Lord Mayor for the year ensuing were longer and less formal. When the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen who have passed the Chair had retired from the Hall, the Liverymen assembled proceeded to select two candidates from the Aldermen who had passed the Chair for submission to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen. There was a cry of "all" when the name of Sir J. Dimsdale, M.P., was submitted, and that of Sir M. Samuel was met with the assurance of "next time." These two named were sent to the Court, and the Lord Mayor having returned, Sir J. Dimsdale, Knight, Member of Parliament, Alderman, and Grocer, was declared duly elected.

SIR J. DIMSDALE'S THANKS.

Sir J. Dimsdale, in returning thanks for his election, said he appreciated the high distinction of being considered worthy to occupy the historical position of Lord Mayor of the City of London. It was eight years since the Livery returned him as one of the Sheriffs, and it was six years since the electorate of London returned him to the County Council, while last year he was chosen to represent the City in Parliament. There was no more serious duty, nor one more thoroughly in keeping with the national spirit, than that of selecting the Corporation, and he was proud of their city and of their square mile, which, after all, was

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but the policy of the City was no limited or selfish one; they endeavoured to do their duty in the interests of the citizen, of the Metropolis, and of the Empire. This was the policy he hoped the Corporation would always endeavour to carry out. His first duty was to move a resolution that in view of the approaching Coronation, due and proper claim be made for preserving the ancient rights and privileges of the City of London, and that the Town Clerk be directed to sign the Declaration of Rights and Privileges, which was agreed to unanimously.

A SAD AND SOLEMN YEAR.
The retiring Lord Mayor (Alderman Green), in responding to a vote of thanks, said his year of office had been a sad and solemn one, but he hoped it had been none the less somewhat a useful year. Sir J. Dimsdale, seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring Sheriffs, to which Alderman Vaughan Morgan and Mr. J. Lawrence, M.P., freely responded.

SHERIFFS' BREAKFAST.

The above-named function took place yesterday in the Grocers' Hall, City, in honour of the election of Sir J. Dimsdale, Knight, Member of Parliament, Alderman, and Grocer, as Lord Mayor, and Sir H. B. Marshall, Alderman, as Sheriff.

The new Sheriffs were received with great enthusiasm. The usual loyal and other toasts customary on such occasions were duly honoured. Among the speakers were the two new Sheriffs, Sir E. D. Lawrence, M.P., Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Sir John Pulteney, Mr. H. C. Richards, M.P., Mr. P. H. Dewar, M.P., and others.

RADICALS AND THE IRISH.

MR. ASQUITH'S PLEA FOR AN INDEPENDENT MAJORITY.
Mr. Asquith addressed a meeting of his constituents at Ladybank yesterday. After criticising the Government's conduct of the war, he went on to refer to the Irish question. Dealing with Mr. Redmond's statement that he would ally himself with any English party which would help him towards his goal, Mr. Asquith said that might seem a hard saying when they thought of the sacrifices of the Liberal party. In Irish causes, he said, the Liberal party could not afford to be governed by sentiment, and sentiment apart, their position was intelligible and logically unassailable. The alliance between the Irish party and the Liberals was for a specific purpose, and it must not be forgotten that by the help of Irish votes the Liberals passed the Finance Act, and many valuable measures of reform not affecting Ireland; but, if the Irish party was now free, so was the Liberal party. He held the opinion that the Liberal party ought not to assume the responsibility of Government without an independent Liberal majority.

TRAIN TRAGEDY.

The elderly gentleman who was found dead with gashes in his throat and right leg on the arrival of a S.E. and C.R. train at Eversham on Thursday morning was identified as Mr. H. Marshall. The guard of the train stated that deceased occupied a second-class compartment next to his van, and he noticed that he was sitting in a corner when the train stopped at Newington. Three stations from Eversham, Marshall was then alone in the train. The circumstances pointed to suicide. There was no sign of a struggle, and if there had been one he would have heard it.—Verdict, suicide during temporary insanity.

A BIG BILL.

Hugh Lewis Taylor, 41, who gave an Antwerp hotel as his address, was brought up at Westminster yesterday on a warrant, before Mr. Sheil, at the instance of Margaret Singer, who sought to recover £3,000 under an affiliation order made at Nottingham in 1887. Mr. Sheil asked how the arrears had accumulated in this manner.—P.S. 4 A, who arrested prisoner in the City, said the latter was a commercial traveller, and was frequently abroad. Prisoner had previously appeared on a warrant, which he could not execute it.—Mr. Sheil made an order for the full amount due, or three months' imprisonment.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND IRON TRADE.

The North of England Iron Trade Board announced a further reduction of 5 per cent. in ironworkers' wages from to-morrow. Wages have fallen 17½ per cent. since Jan.

THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

On the 11th of the 11th the annual prize meeting of the 4th V.B. Battalion was held. The conditions were that the 4th V.B. Battalion should win between two and four o'clock p.m., and reported themselves to Capt. Boulter. They then had to ride to the ranges at 11th (a distance of 10 miles) in 10 minutes, and on arriving at the ranges fire seven rounds (100 yds. firing targets and marking. At the conclusion of the contest it was found that the 1st was headed by Cyclist Staff 31, Corp. S. W. D. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212th, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312th, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd, 323rd, 324th, 325th, 326th, 327th, 328th, 329th, 330th, 331st, 332nd, 333rd, 334th, 335th, 336th, 337th, 338th, 339th, 340th, 341st, 342nd, 343rd, 344th, 345th, 346th, 347th, 348th, 349th, 350th, 351st, 352nd, 353rd, 354th, 355th, 356th, 357th, 358th, 359th, 360th, 361st, 362nd, 363rd, 364th, 365th, 366th, 367th, 368th, 369th, 370th, 371st, 372nd, 373rd, 374th, 375th, 376th, 377th, 378th, 379th, 380th, 381st, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 385th, 386th, 387th, 388th, 389th, 390th, 391st, 392nd, 393rd, 394th, 395th, 396th, 397th, 398th, 399th, 400th, 401st, 402nd, 403rd, 404th, 405th, 406th, 407th, 408th, 409th, 410th, 411st, 412th, 413th, 414th, 415th, 416th, 417th, 418th, 419th, 420th, 421st, 422nd, 423rd, 424th, 425th, 426th, 427th, 428th, 429th, 430th, 431st, 432nd, 433rd, 434th, 435th, 436th, 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th, 441st, 442nd, 443rd, 444th, 445th, 446th, 447th, 448th, 449th, 450th, 451st, 452nd, 453rd, 454th, 455th, 456th, 457th, 458th, 459th, 460th, 461st, 462nd, 463rd, 464th, 465th, 466th, 467th, 468th, 469th, 470th, 471st, 472nd, 473rd, 474th, 475th, 476th, 477th, 478th, 479th, 480th, 481st, 482nd, 483rd, 484th, 485th, 486th, 487th, 488th, 489th, 490th, 491st, 492nd, 493rd, 494th, 495th, 496th, 497th,

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

In London 2,335 births and 1,360 deaths were registered last week. The births were 241 and the deaths 115 below the average. The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes which had been 15.4, 16.9, and 16.0 in the preceding three weeks, further fell last week to 15.6. The 1,360 deaths included three from smallpox, 19 from measles, 27 from diphtheria, 14 from enteric fever, and 138 from diarrhoea and dysentery. Different forms of violence caused 75 deaths, concerning all but six of which inquiries were held. Of these 75 deaths, 12 were cases of suicide, while the remaining 63 were attributed to accident or negligence. In Greater London 3,447 births and 1,839 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 27.2 and 14.7 per 1,000 of the estimated population. The deaths registered last week in 23 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 16.8 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, per 1,000 of the estimated population, which is estimated at 11,463,028 persons in the middle of this year. The bell of Big Ben weighs 14 tons. A 5-grain emerald of the best quality is worth £5, but a 15-grain £24. British ironclads cost £245 a ton to build, French £235, and German £200. Virginia tobacco averages 7 per cent. of nicotine, Havannah only 3 per cent. The largest of British Royal society is the Geographical, with 3,500 members. G. L. Watson, designer of the Shamrock, began work as a naval architect in 1875. 53 per cent. of the men of the British Navy are under 25, only 3 per cent. over 45. Out of 6,000 steamers in the United States of over 100 tons, 1,200 ply on the great lakes. In England there are only 130 electors to every 1,000 inhabitants; in France there are 253. The average age of a patient in hospital varies from 27 days in Dublin to 35 days in London. 25 per cent. of the Swiss have savings-bank accounts for every 10 per cent. English people. Sydney Lighthouse has the most powerful electric light on any lighthouse—180,000 candle power. Pupils at the Board schools cost ratepayers £1 15s. 8d. a head a year; in Scotland, £2 1s. 8d. each. London's sewers cost £5,559 a mile, those of Blackburn £4,700, while Manchester's cost only £1,240 a mile. On an average, 18 per cent. of M.P.'s are Oxford men and 16 per cent. Cambridge University men. The first season of Mr. and Miss Lamberton will take place to-morrow at the Town Hall, Laverham Hill. Of 7½ millions' worth of gold dug yearly in Europe, Russia produces 8 millions, Austria and Germany the rest between them. Owing to the great heat, and consequent evaporation, the Red Sea contains 93 pounds of salt to the ton, 10 pounds more than the Indian Ocean. Queen Margherita of Italy, who is visiting America, walked in the streets this week and gave numerous presents of silver and gold to beggars. "Cool as a cucumber" is scientifically correct. Investigation shows that this vegetable's temperature has decreased below that of the surrounding atmosphere. In 1820, 46 people were hanged in England for forgery alone. At present, the total number of executions in the United Kingdom is only 12 to 14 yearly. Spain minted eight shillings' worth of money a head of her population in the year. This is a European record, and yet Spain is the poorest country in Europe. The United States has the highest proportion of children at school, 14 per cent. of her population are at school, 17 per cent. of Germany's, 15 per cent. of our own. The richest bed of mineral in the world is the Atacama bed of nitre in Chile. It covers 5,000 acres, and contains 25 million tons, worth 300 millions sterling. Between 21 and 30, a man is ill 51 days a year on an average, and between 30 and 40 seven days. In the next 10 years he loses 11 days annually, and between 50 and 60, 20 days. Dr. Rutherford Harris presided this week at a very largely attended meeting of Monmouthshire Unionists held at Newport, at which the election of a new agent took place. St. Peter's, Yorkman's paper, "The Link," has been forbidden to sell single numbers for a month because it published particulars of the Czar's arrival at Danzig which had not been passed by the censor. On Tuesday the Royal Victoria Hall, Waterloo-rd., S.E., will reopen, when Sir Philip Magnus will distribute the prizes gained by the students of the adjoining Morley Memorial College. On Thursday the first operative rental of the season will be given. At the parish church of St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Sunday, two stained-glass windows were dedicated to the memory of Queen Victoria. The memorial was subscribed for by members of the congregation and children attending the Sunday and day schools. Mrs. Kiddie, retired schoolmistress, committed suicide at Campbelltown, Argyllshire, by cutting her throat three times with a razor. The wounds were bandaged, but she tore them off in the presence of the doctors, and died from loss of blood. The biggest single gifts to charity before Mr. Carnegie's two millions were Peabody's half-million for housing purposes, Band's half-million for church endowment at Aberdeen, and a similar amount from Jeejeebhoy for hospitals and schools at Bombay. Archduke Joseph of Austria witnessed a few days ago an accident in his park in which a hawke fell from the top of a high tree. The Archduke hurried to the spot, attended to the workman's wounds, and improvised a bandage with his handkerchief. Then he supported the gardener in his arms until an ambulance came. According to Dr. Deles Parker, baldness is entirely due to our faulty mode of respiration, owing to which certain quantity of disordered air remains in the lungs, and being absorbed by the blood, "exerts a selective, poisonous action upon the growth of the hair." Dr. Parker has proved his theory by various experiments upon animals, notably a dog which became bald in 14 days. The latest cure for baldness, therefore, is vigorous breath-

People who cannot read or write cannot vote in Italy. There are just under 2,000 motor-cars running in the United Kingdom, including the Caltos, we now have 11 motor-cars of over 10,000 tons. Among persons over 60 years of age one in 50 is blind. From London chimneys 50,000 tons of soot are yearly swept, worth £41,000. Half the wealth of the United Kingdom is held by people who own over £20,000. London covers 75,000 acres; Leeds, with 21,000, is the second English city in size. Last year 183 widowers of over 55 years married, and 91 widows of the same age. In 1798 the death duties were £33,734. They are now nearly 19 millions. The United States has nine separate expressways which run 60 miles an hour, or over. Only 199 tailors went bankrupt last year, against 810 grocers and provision merchants. A white pine will measure 25 feet at 20 years, and gain 25 feet more in the next 10 years. The number of births last year was only 294 per 1,000 people—the lowest rate on record. The United States now holds the record for new books, 6,334 having been published last year. The average cost of a year's education at Oxford is £220; at Cambridge, £177; at Dublin, £158. Liverpool's city debt is the highest in Britain compared to population. It is seven times that of London. The fastest train run in England is the Paddington to Worcester express—33½ miles an hour. The world's total coalage last year was 598½ million tons. Our mints turned out 243 millions of this total. Edinburgh to Selby, 221 miles, is the greatest distance run by a motor-car without a stop on British roads. Italy holds the European record of 505 men per 1,000 inhabitants. In England, 515 of every 1,000 people are women. Most of the world's rosaries are made at Loreto, in Italy. Thirty-five women manufacture 35,000 rosaries a year. One hundred and eleven thousand and eighty-six British railway-men earn less than 20s. a week. Only 9,981 earn over 40s. a week. Marseilles is now second city in France with 483,000 people. Lyons has fallen off, and has now only 453,000 inhabitants. Buenos Ayres is the largest city south of the equator, Rio de Janeiro comes next, and Sydney, New South Wales, is a good third. The King of Italy is the latest Royal author. He took out a patent for £21,000 for his book on illustrations, and cost £23,000 to produce. There are 27,663 joint-stock companies in the United Kingdom, with a combined capital of one billion five hundred and twelve million pounds. Seventy-one per cent. of British land is untitled, 57 per cent. of French, 53 per cent. of German, 56 per cent. of Norwegian. E is the most common letter. In 1,000 letters E occurs 137 times in English, 181 times in French, 145 in Spanish, 178 in German. The greatest factory for lenses, both telescopic and photographic, is in Germany. Voigtlander and Sohn have 216 hands engaged in the work. During the Franco-German War 23,500 French soldiers died of smallpox; while the Germans, who had been all vaccinated, lost only 268. Of 170 vessels recently launched in England, only six were sailing vessels, and at present only 29 out of 425 under construction are sailing ships. The earliest snow of the season in England was on October 7, 1829. From November, 1862, to February, 1863, there was no snow in London. The amount of gold coin in actual circulation in the world is estimated by the Bank of England officials to be about 865 tons. The form in which money left by will is most largely invested is in public companies. Last year the amount which thus paid duty was 91 millions. A coconut butter is now produced in Malacca at the rate of 10 tons a day. It contains 90 per cent. of fat, while ordinary butter has only 85 per cent. It will keep for three months. Alfonso XIII. of Spain was 15 in May last, and comes of age and ascends the throne in May 1902. At present he is obliged to attend all Councils of Ministers. The biggest grant ever made to a railway company was 34,000 square miles given by the United States Government to the Union Pacific Railway, which was opened in 1863. At the bottom of a 100-foot well the temperature is 5 degrees below the surface temperature in April, is 65 in July to 70 at surface, and 41 in December at 38 degrees at the surface. Count Leo Tolstoy is in the Crimea with his wife and three daughters, on an estate belonging to the Countess Panina. The doctors hope that the change of climate will completely restore the count's health. The population of France on March 31, 1901, was 38,611,333, an increase on that five years ago of 412,364. In the previous period of five years the increase was only 138,819. The increase of a total of 3,881,513 in the last five years, as might have been anticipated, mainly in the urban districts. The population of Paris, for instance, has increased in the last five years by 148,004. BRIGHT TRADE OUTLOOK. It may be inferred from the report on strikes and lockouts in 1900 that the high-water mark of prosperity was reached in 1900, but that the ebb, so far, has been very slight. There is nothing to lead to the conclusion that any rapid contraction of trade is about to take place. On the contrary, there are many indications that the present period of industrial prosperity may be considerably prolonged. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS. Seven of the leading friendly societies, having 2,592,512 members out of a total of 3,582,513 in all the societies, have already declined to take part in the conference of friendly societies convened by the Royal Society of Old People's Pensioners to draft a scheme of State-aided old-age pensions. This refusal is stated to be not in any sense an expression of opinion on the old-age pension question, but to be due to objection to the manner in which the proposed conference has been called.

"JACK" HINTON. FURTHER STORIES OF THE TRAIN-WRECKER.

[By One Who Knows Him.] Last week I related a few of the many infamous frauds perpetrated by "Jack" Hinton, the infamous train-wrecker, in South Africa and elsewhere. I shall now deal with his nefarious transactions in the diamond fields. Illicit diamond buying—"I.D.B." as it is popularly called—used to be, before the police interfered, one of the principal sources of income of the whole community, and his uncomely ingenuity proved invaluable to him. He was long known to the police as a buyer of stolen diamonds, and time after time they tried to trap him. However, he always managed to outwit them and successfully avoided the Cape Town, the convict station of the Cape. I remember one particular narrow escape Hinton had after being to all appearances completely trapped. At the time of which I am now writing it was the custom of the police to lay traps for those suspected of being in the "I.D.B." trade. Sometimes it was unfairly done, but sometimes the authorities considered that the end justified the means, and would, for instance, give a stone to a man, pointing out to him that they had "marked down" for trapping. It was then the native's duty to try by any means in his power to sell him the diamond, either by offering a stone worth, say, £100 for £5, or by telling him a plausible tale of distress. Now turned out 243 millions of this total. Edinburgh to Selby, 221 miles, is the greatest distance run by a motor-car without a stop on British roads. Italy holds the European record of 505 men per 1,000 inhabitants. In England, 515 of every 1,000 people are women. Most of the world's rosaries are made at Loreto, in Italy. Thirty-five women manufacture 35,000 rosaries a year. One hundred and eleven thousand and eighty-six British railway-men earn less than 20s. a week. Only 9,981 earn over 40s. a week. Marseilles is now second city in France with 483,000 people. Lyons has fallen off, and has now only 453,000 inhabitants. Buenos Ayres is the largest city south of the equator, Rio de Janeiro comes next, and Sydney, New South Wales, is a good third. The King of Italy is the latest Royal author. He took out a patent for £21,000 for his book on illustrations, and cost £23,000 to produce. There are 27,663 joint-stock companies in the United Kingdom, with a combined capital of one billion five hundred and twelve million pounds. Seventy-one per cent. of British land is untitled, 57 per cent. of French, 53 per cent. of German, 56 per cent. of Norwegian. E is the most common letter. In 1,000 letters E occurs 137 times in English, 181 times in French, 145 in Spanish, 178 in German. The greatest factory for lenses, both telescopic and photographic, is in Germany. Voigtlander and Sohn have 216 hands engaged in the work. During the Franco-German War 23,500 French soldiers died of smallpox; while the Germans, who had been all vaccinated, lost only 268. Of 170 vessels recently launched in England, only six were sailing vessels, and at present only 29 out of 425 under construction are sailing ships. The earliest snow of the season in England was on October 7, 1829. From November, 1862, to February, 1863, there was no snow in London. The amount of gold coin in actual circulation in the world is estimated by the Bank of England officials to be about 865 tons. The form in which money left by will is most largely invested is in public companies. Last year the amount which thus paid duty was 91 millions. A coconut butter is now produced in Malacca at the rate of 10 tons a day. It contains 90 per cent. of fat, while ordinary butter has only 85 per cent. It will keep for three months. Alfonso XIII. of Spain was 15 in May last, and comes of age and ascends the throne in May 1902. At present he is obliged to attend all Councils of Ministers. The biggest grant ever made to a railway company was 34,000 square miles given by the United States Government to the Union Pacific Railway, which was opened in 1863. At the bottom of a 100-foot well the temperature is 5 degrees below the surface temperature in April, is 65 in July to 70 at surface, and 41 in December at 38 degrees at the surface. Count Leo Tolstoy is in the Crimea with his wife and three daughters, on an estate belonging to the Countess Panina. The doctors hope that the change of climate will completely restore the count's health. The population of France on March 31, 1901, was 38,611,333, an increase on that five years ago of 412,364. In the previous period of five years the increase was only 138,819. The increase of a total of 3,881,513 in the last five years, as might have been anticipated, mainly in the urban districts. The population of Paris, for instance, has increased in the last five years by 148,004. BRIGHT TRADE OUTLOOK. It may be inferred from the report on strikes and lockouts in 1900 that the high-water mark of prosperity was reached in 1900, but that the ebb, so far, has been very slight. There is nothing to lead to the conclusion that any rapid contraction of trade is about to take place. On the contrary, there are many indications that the present period of industrial prosperity may be considerably prolonged. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS. Seven of the leading friendly societies, having 2,592,512 members out of a total of 3,582,513 in all the societies, have already declined to take part in the conference of friendly societies convened by the Royal Society of Old People's Pensioners to draft a scheme of State-aided old-age pensions. This refusal is stated to be not in any sense an expression of opinion on the old-age pension question, but to be due to objection to the manner in which the proposed conference has been called.

plidity. To this day the whereabouts of the diamonds would never have been discovered had it not been for a curious coincidence that happened to the P.O. clerk at Cape Town. WHEN THE STONES WERE KNOWN. The stones had remained in his possession the whole time, but his last had been searched, and the ground dug up, but nothing incriminating could be found. Nobody, however, thought of taking the oil rag out of the muzzle of his double-barrelled shot-gun, where the stolen diamonds were concealed all the time. Hinton and he had agreed to meet at a certain hotel in Cape Town, and there divide the spoil. But, man proposes, God disposes. It so happened that on his first arrival in the Colony, he saw a P.O. clerk had "commandeered" a watch from a neighbour's room. This identical neighbour happened to be putting up at the very hotel at the time when the clerk arrived to keep his appointment with Hinton. THE CONSEQUENCES WERE SERIOUS. He gave the clerk in charge, and he was sentenced to 12 months' incarceration on Robben Island. His effects, including the gun, went with him. Hinton, although he had made Cape Town too hot to hold him, remained in the neighbourhood so as to be at hand at the expiration of the sentence on his confederate. But on this occasion fate was against him. The clerk died in prison, and his effects, according to the colonial law, were sold in the open market, and amongst them a watch containing the diamonds. Naturally Hinton attended the sale, but there again his usual good luck failed him, and at the critical moment. The auctioneer had knocked down the gun for a few shillings to the only man in the place that knew its real value, and, as auctioneer's do, for the sake of making talk, casually took out the oil rag from the muzzle. To his surprise, and the surprise of all around, a stream of diamonds fell out and fell among the public. Naturally there was a general scramble, and I've no doubt that finding the game played out, Hinton secured a few. Anyhow, when the insurance companies who had paid the claim to the insurers of the diamonds, and to whom they naturally accrued, came to value them, there were some stones to the market value of £50,000. The rest had disappeared. HINTON AS A SPY. An amusing exploit of this notorious adventurer will be remembered by many who were at the New Rush at the time. Hinton took a set of £1,000, backing himself to win against the following conditions. Hinton was to receive a start of 50 yds, and also choose his own course, the race to take place within a month. Now, Hinton, although an athlete and a splendid boxer, had no pretensions to be a runner, except when the police were after him, and the other man won every race he had entered for. He was, in fact, most of the Kimberley men put their money on Hinton, knowing that, if by any means he could win it, he would. And he did. 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THE WAR.

TWO COMMANDOS CAPTURED.

NIGHT ATTACK ON LOVAT'S SCOUTS.

DESPATCHES FROM LORD KITCHENER.

Three despatches were received by the War Office from Lord Kitchener on Sunday. They report the capture of two commandos, and over 100 prisoners, including P. J. Botha, also a night attack on the camp of Lovat's Scouts. The prisoners taken in Gough's engagement have been released. The telegrams were as follows:

Victoria, Sept. 21 (1 p.m.).—Col. W. H. Williams captured almost whole of Commando Koch's commando to west of Adenburgh yesterday morning. Fifty-five prisoners were taken, as well as whole of their transport. Kitchener, while endeavouring to force passage of Orange River near the Herschel border, rushed camp of a party of Lovat's Scouts about 11 p.m. yesterday. Kitchener failed to cross river, but casualties among Lovat's Scouts were heavy, and include Lieut. Col. the Hon. Andrew Murray and Capt. Murray, his adjutant, both killed. I deeply regret loss of Col. Murray, who throughout the war has led Lovat's Scouts with great gallantry. Report from Benson just received that he captured Caroline county yesterday. 45 miles south-east of that point, consisting of 54 prisoners, including P. J. Botha, 48 waggon, and all belongings, with large number of Louis Botha's cattle.

Pretoria, Sept. 22 (10.35 a.m.).—Boers managed in attack on Murray's camp to carry off a gun under cover of darkness. They were promptly followed up, and gun was recovered in short engagement, in which 200 prisoners were taken, and 200 waggon, and 200 cattle. **Pretoria, Sept. 23 (10.35 a.m.).**—Lytelton reports prisoners taken in Gough's engagement have been released, and are coming into Vryheid with the wounded. Lieut. Lambton, Durham Light Infantry, reported wounded, was killed. Buffalo River in flood. No change in situation.

THE VLAKFONTEIN CASUALTIES.

From Lord Kitchener to the War Office:—Tucker reports casualties at Vlakfontein were approximately:—12th Co. M.I.: Seven wounded, three officers and 80 men missing. R.H.A.: Lieut. Barry and one sergeant killed, six wounded, 10 missing. Bedford M.I.: Four killed, four wounded, two officers and 24 men missing. S.A. Constabulary: Six wounded, Lieut. Waller and 15 missing. Of the missing, four officers and 95 men have been released into Basutoland, and the wounded brought into Waterworks. Turning columns are in touch with enemy near Dewetsdorp. Details of casualties are being separately reported.

BRITISH PRISONERS RELEASED.

The War Office reports that the following information has been reported to the general of Communications, Cape Town:—All officers and men reported missing, or taken prisoners, Blood River, Sept. 17, have rejoined, except the following, not yet accounted for:—Royal Irish Fusiliers: Ptes. 4354 Maloney, 5400 M. Keenan, 4093 Fitzpatrick, 4400 Andon, 6223 Llewellyn, and 4151 Gierck. Durham L.I.: Pte. 5327 Bricket. 2nd North Lancashire: Ptes. 606 Elliott and 6215 W. Watson. All officers and men reported missing at Vlakfontein, Orange River Colony, on Sept. 19, in telegram dated Sept. 22, have been released. Officers as follows:—2nd Bedford Regt.: Lieut. G. J. Jobb, 2nd-Lieut. E. C. Talbot, 3rd Bedford Regt.: Capt. H. M. Tuffnell, 4th Essex Regt.: Capt. R. Whyte, 2nd Norfolk Regt.: Lieut. H. R. Dane.

BOER ATTACK ON THE ZULU BORDER.

GALLANT RESISTANCE.—The following despatches from Lord Kitchener to Secretary of State for War were issued from the War Office on Friday night:—**Pretoria, Sept. 27, 1901.**—Fort Italia and Prospect on the Zulu border, were attacked by Boers in force, and were under attack yesterday. After a gallant resistance, garrison drove off enemy, inflicting heavy loss. All quiet elsewhere on the Natal frontier.

THE BRITISH LOSSES.

Durban, Sept. 27.—There was some fighting in Zululand yesterday at a place called Prospect. Natal. The British loss was one killed and nine wounded. The Boers retired at nightfall. Reuter.

BOER TREACHERY.

OFFICER SHOT IN COLD BLOOD.—Pretoria, Sept. 27.—Lieut. Miers, Somerset, L.I., employed with the South African Constabulary, went out on his post at Riversdale Sept. 25. He was shot in the back by a Boer, who, after a short conversation, was seen to shoot Lieut. Miers dead and immediately galloped away. Inquiry being made and evidence recorded.

CAPTURE OF 35 BOERS.

Johannesburg, Sept. 26.—Gen. Kekewich's column continues to be successful to the north-west of Rustenburg. A force of mounted troops, whilst reconnoitring at Crocodile Drift yesterday, obtained information as to the whereabouts of Field Cornet Cornelius Kruger's commando, and captured 35 men, besides some 60 horses and donkeys, 479 head of cattle, 30 rifles, and 4000 lbs. of clothing. Field Cornet Kruger was absent at the time, attending a meeting of the other commandos. Reuter.

FIGHTING IN CAPE COLONY.

CAPTURES FROM THE BOERS.—Middleburg (Cape Colony), Sept. 26. Col. Munro in an engagement with a Boer force of 200 men, and 2000 cattle, killed 20 Boers, and captured 200 cattle, 2000 lbs. of clothing, 2000 lbs. of food, and 2000 lbs. of other stores. Reuter.

TROOP TRAIN DERAILED.

MEN KILLED AND INJURED.—Durban, Sept. 26.—A disastrous railway accident occurred near Sanderton on Saturday. Owing to a bent rail the engine of a troop train, conveying a detachment of Dragoon Guards, was thrown off the line. Six men were killed and 36 injured. "Standard."

TRAIN-WRECKERS REPULSED.

Before day-break on Wednesday (says Reuter's Kimberley correspondent) a gangster at Koodoo Siding discovered some Boers placing dynamite on the line. He fired and wounded one man severely. The enemy returned his fire and wounded him. The sound of shots brought help from a blockhouse near, and the Boers then retreated. Both the wounded men have been brought into Kimberley.

NATAL INVADERS RETIRING.

From Lord Kitchener to the War Office:—**Pretoria, Sept. 24.**—Latest information from Natal: Raiding force of Boers appears to be retreating to the north and north-east.

THE REVERSE TO THE LANCERS.

DEATH BEFORE SURRENDER.—According to "The Midland News," a Cape Colony paper, the surprise of the Lancers was due chiefly to the Boers being dressed in khaki, and thus mistaken for Col. Goring's men. A mistake which hung over the low ground also favoured the approach of the enemy. On learning that a small picket in advance of the camp had been rushed, a troop quickly mounted and rode towards the poor. The officer in command saw some

ENEMY-CLAD KEN about two miles from camp, and, thinking that they were some of Col. Goring's columns, rode forward to meet them. When about 200 yards distant, seeing them level their rifles, he shouted out, "Don't fire. We are the 17th Lancers." The only answer was rapid rifle fire, which emptied several saddles. During this time another body of the enemy approached the camp from the rear. At last Capt. Sandeman tried to reach some kraals in the vicinity of the camp, but most of his men were killed or wounded. The Boers rushed the camp, but not a single man surrendered, the enemy levelling their rifles and firing on any man they saw.

NARROW ESCAPE OF DELAWARE.

Mafeking, Sept. 24.—Fifty mounted men of the Northumberland Fusiliers proceeded on the night of the 18th inst. from Lichtenburg to a farm at Duiersfontein, with the object of capturing Gen. Delarey, his staff, and family. The farm was rushed at daybreak on the 19th inst., but Delarey had fled overnight. Eleven Boers were captured. Reuter.

LORD KITCHENER.

RESIGNATION RUMOUR DENIED.

There is not a vestige of foundation for the rumour that Lord Kitchener had tendered his resignation, in consequence of friction, and that the intervention of a high personage had been invoked to induce him to reconsider the step. The relations of Lord Kitchener with his military chiefs have all along been of a most cordial character.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Commander-in-Chief in South Africa has for several months past, says "The Pall Mall Gazette," endeavoured to have reforms in tactics brought about which in his opinion would tend to shorten the hostilities. He desires to see rebellion visited with the penalties prescribed by a state of war, believing that if extreme measures were resorted to in this direction, rebellion would be discouraged. He believes that the present system of imposing short terms of imprisonment instead of capital punishment encourages the Cape Boers to rise; and if this continues, he foresees a serious extension of the operations. In the next place he objects to the types of recruits sent out. He wants fresh troops of a more seasoned sort. Owing to an unexpected falling off in recruiting the War Office were compelled to send down men whom few commanding officers would care to have in their corps, even in peace time.

THE QUESTION OF MARTIAL LAW.

Lord Kitchener knows that the western towns of Cape Colony swarm with traitors and spies, who have no difficulty in helping the enemy. He wishes to have this altered, and the only way in which the safety of our Army can be safeguarded is by at once proclaiming martial law in Cape Town and elsewhere. Lord Kitchener, it may be added, understood when taking over the command that he would have a free hand; but as his

HANDS HAVE BEEN TIED.

more or less, and he is not allowed to use every sensible endeavour to put an end to the war, he is seriously reconsidering his position. It is understood that on Thursday the King had a long and earnest conversation with Mr. Balfour, who, in connection with the questions of recruiting and the Yeomanry. His Majesty is taking a particularly keen interest in the condition of the Army, and it is hinted that at an early date sweeping reforms may be announced. The work of the moment is to prepare heavy reinforcements, which will be despatched if there is not an improvement in the condition of the South African Colonies.

TEN BOER LEADERS BANISHED.

Reuter's Pretoria correspondent states that sentence of permanent banishment from South Africa has been promulgated against 10 Boer leaders who have been captured since the 15th inst.

OFFICER'S DASHING EXPLOIT.

Reuter's Middleburg correspondent says it is reported that Fouché and some of Weesels' commando on the night of Sept. 21 again moved into the native territory, going by Zuurhoek. Smuts' commando on the same date attempted to pass to the south-west of Tarkastad, but was driven back by the local troops with some loss. The Boers

are believed to have had eight wounded. The local troops at Elliott headed off a commando on the 21st inst., the enemy being afterwards reported to have killed 10 Boers, and wounded four of this commando. The enemy were engaged by our columns on the 22nd, but no details are to hand. Lieut. Grant, of the 12th Lancers, entered Scheepers' laager alone at 9.30 on the night of the 23rd inst., and called on the Boers to surrender. Three of them immediately did so, whereupon Lieut. Grant threw their rifles and handlovers into the river. He then drew his revolver and wounded two Boers, causing confusion among the enemy, who fired at random, killing one and wounding two of themselves. The 3rd inst. Lieut. Grant, who was severely wounded, captured 10 Boers, and a few horses. A Boer's commando, besides 30 horses.

SOUTH AFRICAN APPOINTMENTS.

Pretoria, Sept. 27. The appointment is officially announced of Sir Geoffrey Lagden, former Resident Commissioner for Basutoland, to the post of Commissioner for Transvaal Native Affairs. Mr. H. C. Stoley, Government Secretary for Basutoland, has been appointed Resident Commissioner in Sir G. Lagden's place. Reuter.

THE ISSUE OF PERMITS.

UITLANDER COMMITTEES APPEARED.—Pietermaritzburg, Sept. 27.—The Uitlander Committees, which raised a protest against the administration of the permit system, have been appeared, and permits are being granted more freely. Consequently the Pietermaritzburg Committee has decided to postpone indefinitely the meeting which it proposed to hold to condemn the permit system. Reuter.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

DEATHS FROM DISEASE & WOUNDS.—The following deaths, due to enteric where not otherwise stated, are reported:—1st Scots Guards: 4182 Pte. J. Williams, lung disease, Cape Town, Sept. 19. Lord Lovat's Corps: Pte. Neil McKay, multiple injury, result of accident on railway, Johannesburg, Sept. 16. 1st Natal: 4182 Pte. G. Bradford, Kleinfontein, Sept. 15. 12th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 3230 Pte. J. W. M.I., Pretoria, Sept. 16. Reserve Division South African: 4182 Pte. J. W. M.I., Cockaday, concussion of brain, result of fall off horse, Modderfontein, Sept. 16. 1st Royal Sussex Regt. M.I.: 2910 Pte. F. J. Bury, Johannesburg, Sept. 16. 1st Natal: 4182 Pte. G. Bradford, Kleinfontein, Sept. 15. 12th Co. Imperial Yeomanry: 3230 Pte. J. W. M.I., Pretoria, Sept. 16. Reserve Division South African: 4182 Pte. J. W. M.I., Cockaday, concussion of brain, result of fall off horse, Modderfontein, Sept. 16. 1st Royal Sussex Regt. M.I.: 2910 Pte. F. J. Bury, Johannesburg, Sept. 16. 1st Natal: 4182 Pte. G. 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